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REPORT

TOPIC Exercises of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 21st Gds Mecz Div

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At about 2200 on 16 March 1955, 36 trucks, 3 field kitchens and 12 guns probably 76-mm guns, were loaded in Langensalza. Each truck was occupied by 15 to 20 soldiers who were armed with carbines and submachine guns. The shipment left toward Gotha at about midnight. <sup>1</sup>
2. On 20 March, many heavily soiled motor vehicles were seen in the yard of the Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) in Naumburg. The unit apparently returned only a short time earlier. <sup>1</sup>
3. At about 1930 on 19 March, a column including 12 x 160-mm mortars and 6 x 76-mm guns entered the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) in Naumburg from the direction of Freiberg. 25X1
4. On 14 March, numerous tanks were reportedly observed in the Lossa area. The Wishe-Lossa road was blocked for several days. <sup>2</sup>
5. On 19 March, the following two shipments, which came from the direction of Merseburg, passed through Weissenfels and proceeded toward Leipzig:
  - 1730. 12 JS-2 tanks, 1 heavy salvage tank and approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
  - 1930. 18 canvas-covered rocket launchers on new three-axle trucks, a total of 22 trucks and some 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. <sup>2</sup>
1. Comment. Elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the Weissenfels and Naumburg posts have apparently been absent from the posts since late February or early March. 25X1

The loading of elements of the 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt on 16 March in Langensalza and the return to the Naumburg post of units on 19 March tend to indicate that the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div conducted an exercise in an undetermined area about 17 or 18 March. 25X1

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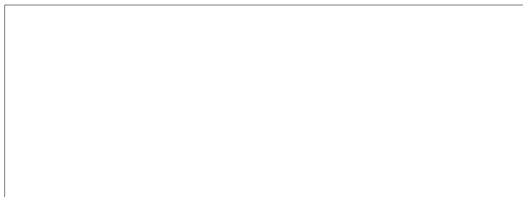


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2. Comment. On 13 and 14 March, elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div returned to Lossa from firing practices at Altengrabow on 5 trains. 25X1

. This observation, in connection with those in the Lossa area, may indicate that the 21st Gds Mecz Div conducted an exercise in this area about 14 to 18 March. The 94th Gds RL Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the 220th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army, return shipments of which passed through Weissenfels on 19 March, presumably participated in this exercise, which may have also involved elements of the army artillery of the Eighth Gds Army. The latter assumption is supported by the fact that, according to another report, 5 shipments went from Merseburg to Altenburg on 20 March. It is assumed that these elements moved to Merseburg by road. 25X1



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